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REMARKS/CONCLUSION

The Examiner is thanked for the Official Action dated February 17, 2006. This amendment is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

Claims Suggestions, Objections, and Rejections

Claims 7-11 have been cancelled. Claims 1-6, and 12-18 are currently pending.

Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome any 112 or 102/103 rejections by including in the method the device of claim 7, thereby rendering it both new and non-obvious over the prior art cited.

Claim 4 has been amended to remove references to "can" and indicate that interconnecting means controls the circulation of high and low temperature fluids.

Examiner has objected to claims 8-11, and rejected claims 8 and 12-13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Amaral et al.

Claims 1-11 have been cancelled, rendering any objections now moot.

Claims 12 and 13 depend on amended claims 1 and 4.

Claims 14-18 have been amended, as suggested by the Examiner, to include the text of previous claims, and claims 15-18 now clearly depend on claim 14.

All amendments have been presented to place the application in better condition for allowance, based on the clarity and suggestions of the Examiner in this case. Applicant, respectfully contends that claims 1-6 and 12-18 are now in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6 and 12-18, in their current forms, define the invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe further discussion regarding the above claim language would expedite prosecution, please be invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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